



Zero Waste Working Group

Hear about three unique programs that help us reduce and divert waste from buildings.

How you can help:

1. Thanks to **Anna Gomes, PhD candidate** who shared how the **Doerr School** is increasing opportunities to **reuse items** instead of purchasing new or using single use, **saving money for the school**. If you are **interested in starting one of these programs in your department**, please **reach out to Anna** amgomes@stanford.edu. She would be happy to brainstorm a location and the process with you!
2. **Sign up** to share your Waste Reduction Story at one of our future meetings.
3. The FDG Waste Bin and Infrastructure Design Requirements are key to creating a waste-less culture on campus. By establishing **consistent standards** for our waste system, we set the stage for more waste reduction and diversion behavior and **enable sustainable actions** by students, staff and faculty. **Please check that the waste bin standards are on your checklist and that your project managers are aware of these requirements**. Now is the time to **provide feedback** on the document as **version 2.0** is being drafted.
4. The data from our first round of waste infrastructure inspections in the buildings shows that the **waste bin infrastructure is now standardized** across the buildings we inspect. You can help keep this infrastructure up to date by **not allowing standalone bins and communicating with us if you find bins, lids or labels are missing or out of place**. Also, let us know if you would like some **Yay! or Oops! Tags** - they are a fun way to deal with contamination!
5. PSSI and OOS **audit the contents of one dumpster** once a month to collect data and understand the **waste stream, infrastructure, and behavior of the users** to **determine the best intervention point** to have better waste reduction and diversion outcomes. We use the data from these audits to **optimize waste services to save money and reduce pest issues**. We shared an example of where we adjusted services to **save \$500/month** while recognizing that we need to do something to keep coffee grounds and bananas out of the trash! **What surprised you about the results? What is the best way to share the data with people in the building so they can consider their own actions?**

Want to be part of this group? Contact Julie Muir.

Best,

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